

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Luan Bui for the telephone interview conducted on Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

In the Office Action mailed November 8, 2004, claims 1-4 and 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,318,543) in view of Dutchik (U.S. Patent No. 5,590,778) and Fischer (U.S. Patent No. 5,289,919).

Claims 5-7 and 11-21 were allowed in the Office Action of November 8, 2004.

Applicants have amended claim 1 in a manner as discussed during the telephone interview with Examiner Luan Bui. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended in order to call for a tray that includes at least three planar surfaces that have at least one recess disposed therein. Further, claim 1 has been amended to call for the container to be adapted to rest upon at least one of the planar surfaces that has at least one recess disposed therein in which the planar surface onto which the container rests is outside of the perimeter defined by at least two of the other planar surfaces. As discussed during the telephone interview, the combination of Ross, Fischer and Dutchik does not disclose a container that is adapted to rest upon a planar surface that has at least one recess disposed therein in which the planar surface onto which the container rests is outside of the perimeter defined by at least two of the other planar surfaces of the tray.

As the combination Ross, Fischer and Dutchik fails to disclose the kit set forth in claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 defines over the combination of Ross, Fischer and Dutchik and is in condition for allowance. Further, all claims that depend from claim 1 (claims 2-4 and 8-10) are also in condition for allowance. The rejections to claims 2-4 and 8-10 are made moot due to the allowance of claim 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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